



*Adoration with Bishop Andrew Cozzens.*

## THE 10<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS A FORESHADOWING OF HEAVEN

Club members Larry Gillespie and Maureen Collins were blessed to be able to attend the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN held July 17-24, 2024. They will be discussing this event as our featured speakers at our August 27th meeting next month but they wanted to “whet your whistle” with a few highlights.

Larry’s favorite memory was during the opening ceremony Wednesday night at Lucas Oil Stadium when Bishop Cozzens processed in carrying Our Lord in a monstrance while 45,000-55,000 Catholics prayed in adoration. This procession and adoration event was repeated every evening.

Larry and Bob Labat walked in the Eucharistic Procession from the Convention Center to the heart of downtown Indianapolis along with 20,000-50,000 other pilgrims. It looked like a modern-day scene plucked out of the New Testament.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church was located just across the street from the Eucharistic Congress. They were gracious enough to dedicate their entire sanctuary for 24-hour adoration. The church was packed every time we visited.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### August - Phantom Garage Sale

**Aug 13 - Lunch Meeting** 12:15 pm  
Church of St. William  
Speaker: John Sondag

**Aug 20 - Board Meeting** 8:45 am  
St. Charles Borromeo, Doran Hall

**Aug. 23-29 - NCDVD Convention**  
Minneapolis Hilton, Adoration Sign Up

#### Aug. 24 - Seminarian Picnic

**Aug 27 - Lunch Meeting** 12:15 pm  
Church of St. William  
Speakers: Maureen Collins & Larry Gillespie  
Highlights of the Eucharistic Congress

**Sept 10 - Lunch Meeting** 12:15 pm  
Church of St. William  
Speaker: Janae Bower  
The Second Holy Family

**Sept 17 - Board Meeting** 8:45 am  
St. Charles Borromeo, Doran Hall

**Sept 24 - Mass** 11:30 am, Fr. Derek Gilde  
Church of St. William  
Speakers: Father Derek Gilde

**Oct 08 - Lunch Meeting** 12:15 pm  
Church of St. William  
Speaker: Maureen Stanoch  
Family Consecration

**Nov. 22 - Regional Conference** 9:30 am  
King’s House Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN

**Nov 22-24 - Serra Retreat** 8:00 pm  
King’s House Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Tim Regan

## THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTINUES TO CALL MEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The French Bishops' Conference recently announced that 105 young men will be ordained to the priesthood this year. That number is 17 more than in 2023. Of these new French priests, 73 are diocesan, and the rest to religious orders or priestly societies. Apparently there would have been more ordinations, but for a dispute between some French Bishops and the Vatican regarding the traditional Latin mass. If you know your history, you are aware that conflicts between the Bishops of France and the Papacy are not new.

Meanwhile in the U.S., the number of young men entering the priesthood and receiving the sacrament of Orders continues to increase each year. The always reliable website [Crux Now](#) reports that most of the young men ordained in 2024 are 31 years old or younger. That is a good sign.

The Georgetown Center for Applied Research recently reported a nationwide survey of priestly ordinations. A total of 392 ordinands responded to the survey: 80 percent were diocesan, 16 percent were from religious orders, and 17 percent were foreign-born.

When I was reading online articles about the new ordinations, I was struck by one particular name: John Andrades, a young man from Pakistan. He was raised in a Catholic family in a country that has only a tiny Catholic population. Fr. Andrades entered the seminary in Pakistan, but transferred to the Archdiocese of Baltimore before ordination. Meanwhile, lest you worry that Pakistan is impoverished due to its loss of Fr. Andrades, the O.M.I Fraternity in Pakistan recently announced the ordination of two new native Pakistani priests: Fr. Adil Shamaoun and Fr. Ikram Philpus.

*What's going on here? Is the Catholic Church making a comeback?*

It's a good question, because in recent decades the Catholic faith has suffered greatly from the twin malaises of indifference and secularization. That's why the French ordinations are good news: France is undoubtedly the most secular country in Europe.



Fr. John Andrades

Over the centuries, the Church has suffered wars, crucifixions, persecutions, assassinations, martyrdoms, imprisonments, heresies and slanders. The Church has survived, and thrived, because Christ gave us the Eucharist for our food. The brotherhood of St. Peter and his fellow apostles, and their successors, have carefully guarded and handed down this precious gift to us. So, let's be thankful that God has raised up these newly ordained young men, whether in France, the United States, or Pakistan, to serve God at his altar.

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## SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

## WHAT IS A DEACON?

### Deacon Alexander R. Marquette

May 28, 2024



Dee and Satveer Chaudhary, Deacon Alex Marquette, (front) Bette Litchy, (back) Judie Collodora and Mary Krawczynski

by Jo Lohnes

Deacon Alex Marquette is a transitional deacon for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He was ordained on May 11, 2024. Deacon Alex comes from St. Timothy Parish in Maple Lake. He has wanted to be a priest from when he was in the third grade.

Deacon's childhood pastor was Bishop Izen (then Fr. Izen), who taught him to altar serve in the fourth grade. Deacon Alex graduated from St. John Vianney College Seminary in 2021 with degrees in Philosophy and Catholic Studies and a minor in Spanish. When he started at St. Paul Seminary in the fall of 2021, he was assigned Immaculate Conception in Columbia Heights to be his teaching parish. Deacon Alex will be serving at the Church of St. Odilia in Shoreview for the summer before beginning his last year of studies at the St. Paul Seminary this fall. He came to share with our Serra Club what it is to be a deacon.

Complete details about what a deacon is, what he does, and how he is different from a priest can be found in the [Catechism of the Catholic Church Online](#), page 392-393, Articles 1569-1571.

Deacon Alex expressed to us that being ordained by and serving as deacon at the altar next to his childhood pastor, Bishop Izen was super special. He was able to preach at home on Mother's Day and Ascension Sunday. He loves to preach and to share what is on his heart. He loves blessing people, especially students. St. Timothy's, Rose, and Unity HS has been most fulfilling. He is looking forward to officiating his cousin Claudia's wedding. Serving at the altar in his home parish and at the Seminary is a privilege.

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Maureen's favorite memory was the procession into the stadium for the final Mass on Sunday morning. At the head of the procession were 10 Knights of Columbus, 10 members of the Order of Malta, 10 Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulcher, followed by approximately 250 seminarians, 1000 priests and deacons, 70-80 bishops and cardinals, and Our Lord Jesus Christ in a monstrance. It took 30 minutes to prayerfully process in. Approximately 200-300 sisters served as ushers. The ease with which they were able to distribute Holy Communion to 50,000-60,000 people was remarkable.

The procession made us think of attending a Mass in heaven. The following verse is out of context, but it certainly came to mind.

***"An angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne."***

***Revelation 8:3***



Scott Hahn and Larry Gillespe.



## CLUB EVENTS &amp; NEWS

# PHANTOM GARAGE Sale

The Phantom Garage Sale replaces our former real garage sale which supports:

- Bus Trips for 8th Grade Students to Seminaries and Convents
- Generous Essay Awards to students for each Vocation Trip
- Printing of 'Favorite Prayer Folders' in English and Spanish given out freely to parishes and schools
- Traveling Crucifix and prayer cards to Catholic schools
- Annual \$500.00 Scholarship Awards to Seminarians
- Stipend to our "Walk with Me" Novice or Seminarian
- Support for Altar Server Award Recognition Program
- Provide support materials to the Archdiocesan Vocation Office.

## Possible Script for the Ask!

Today, I have my fundraising hat on. I am requesting donations for our Serra Club Phantom Garage Sale. It is a Phantom Sale because of age, health, and safety issues for our members. Any donation that works for you, will help provide vocation resources. Serra members work under the direction of the Archdiocesan Vocation Office. Members of Serra are lay Catholic men and women of all ages and backgrounds who help ensure the future of our Church by creating a "culture of vocations." We invite you to the Serra website: [www.serrainternational.org](http://www.serrainternational.org). There you will find Serra is recognized by the Holy See as the Global Lay Apostolate for Vocations and find other wonderful vocation resources! Checks to help support this apostolate can be made out to the Serra Club of North-Minneapolis to be dropped in the "Phantom's Garage" to keep busses running and prayer cards printed. Thanks for your support of vocations in prayer and in generous donations.



## VOCATIONS TRIPS ARE SET FOR THIS FALL

We are excited to be sponsoring two vocations trips this Fall on October 7th and October 14th. We have received confirmation that the boys will be going to the St. John Vianney and St. Paul seminaries. We are hoping to get confirmation from the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus soon. We do have confirmation that St. Stephens and Epiphany eighth graders will be attending. We will be sponsoring two other schools this fall however we are still in the planning phases. As always if you would like to attend one of these trips as a Serra please let Jim M. or Mark E. know ASAP. You will need to be Essential 3 compliant as dictated by the Archdiocese.

## SERRAN PRAY'ERS NEEDED



### NCDVD ADORATION

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF DIOCESAN VOCATION DIRECTORS

From August 23-29 at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Minneapolis, the National Conference of Vocation Directors will take place. We need Serrans to volunteer for shifts to keep a prayer vigil throughout the conference in the Adoration Chapel set up in the hotel. Free parking is available at Saint Olaf Church which is nearby. Come with fellow Serrans and take turns praying and seeing the displays of many vendors who work with vocations.

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## ESSAY WINNERS

### April 24 – Vocations Awareness Visits Immaculate Conception Catholic School

Girls visited the Little Sisters of the Poor, Holy Family Residence



Simone receives the Girls First Place Vocations Essay Award from Serran Jim McGuire following the 8th Grade Bus Trip to the Little Sisters of the Poor.



Boys visited St. John Vianney Seminary and St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity



Serran Jim McGuire presented Lucas with the First Place Award for the best Boys Vocation Essay following their trip to SJV and SPS.

#### **Simone – Immaculate Conception Catholic School Vocations Essay – Girl's First Place Award**

Visiting the Little Sisters of the Poor helped me reflect on my vocation. In the future, I hope to become a mother. I have always liked to care for people, and seeing the sisters care for the elderly touched my heart. It helped me realize that I need to remember how little time we have on Earth and that with this time I need to love others while I have a chance. By living for God now, it will allow me to live with God in the future. I was inspired to see all of these women using their talent and love to care for people who need help.

Showing hospitality is something the sisters are known for. I can live for God by doing the same. I feel God is calling me to have children and bring more love into the world. I believe teaching my children how to show the same hospitality that the sisters have will better the world. I feel so blessed that I have the chance to experience this world, and if I can make it even a little bit better that would be fulfilling my vocation. In my life I will work hard to show hospitality because it makes a difference in every person that it affects.

I felt the Holy Spirit very strongly when we visited the Little Sisters of the Poor. It felt very peaceful. When we talked with the elderly, they seemed very happy and willing to share their experiences with us. I felt this kind of safety and warmth when we were there, it felt as if someone were giving me a hug. All of the Nuns were so empathetic and treated the elderly as if they were family. I believe that is how all people should be treated, but that is not always the case. It was very eye-opening to actually see people devoting their life to others.

In this time of my life, I think God is calling me to just stay faithful to Him and to never forget that I am His child. By remembering to treat others as I would treat Jesus I can be like the Little Sisters. Going to the Little Sisters helped me to refresh my mind and to think about all of the things that I can be doing so serve others and to serve the Lord. I am very grateful that I was able to have this experience.

#### **Lucas – Immaculate Conception Catholic School Vocations Essay – Boy's First Place Award**

This month, I was given the honor of being able to travel to the St. Thomas University Seminary and explore the vocational journey of the seminarians. Throughout my experience I felt the spirit of the Lord within me and explored different opportunities of God's vocation for me. We started our trip at one of the newly built chapels in one of the two seminaries. We learned from a seminarian about the spiritual meaning of the chapel itself, that the strong supporting pillars of the chapel represent the pillars of the responsibilities that must be upheld by us young men going into adulthood, and that we must learn to be responsible human beings. We then got to hear the vocational journeys of three young seminarians just beginning their spiritual journey into eventual priesthood. Through their stories I learned about what a vocation truly is. It is not just something you want to specifically grow up to be and do in life, it is God's calling for you as you go out into the world. I even learned that for some people they don't even want to do what their vocation eventually will be when they are young. It is all about the time it takes for you to realize God's calling for you.

After that, we got to explore the St. Thomas campus and look at some of the beautiful new structures that have been built. We got to go into the daily life of the seminarians and what their schedule looks like at school. After that we went to the next seminary to eat lunch. During that time period we met with three more seminarians (one of whom was Alex Marquette, a seminarian trainee at my school and was only three weeks away from becoming ordained,) and we got to talk to with them about their vocational journey to priesthood. Every seminarian's story really influenced me in a way I never felt before. I always thought to become a priest you had to be perfect, but it turns out you don't. Some seminarians even said that earlier on in their life they weren't the best people or they didn't want to start out as a priest because they thought it was boring or a waste of a lifestyle, but that was only part of their journey. So, they continued on and learned that the

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*spiritual life was what was most important for them through spending more time and opening their hearts to God. I feel like that taught me that the more I can open my heart to God, the more I will hear Jesus speak through me and eventually reveal to me my one true vocation.*

*Lastly to end the day, we attended Mass in the chapel. To me this was the most influential part of the entire day as a whole. I have attended Mass for my entire life and Mass is always special to me. However, I felt something even more special when I attended Mass at the chapel. I noticed that when the seminarians were attending, they were so peaceful and so content in the Mass it was almost as if the Lord Himself was right in front of them at that moment, and they were worshipping at His feet.*

*The priest then came up after the Gospel to preach the homily. The priest was talking about the world itself and how everyone has different opinions in the world. Everyone has their different beliefs, religious or political, but all of that is just opinion to the one true fact which is God. Whenever I feel indifferent to someone else, I should listen to God, because God is the only one who says the full truth. He is the only one without sin. I believe that if we all came together as brothers and sisters and follow the word of God, we would all be one in the spirit. In going to Mass, I always forget my hardships in life. I forget my conflict with others. I go to Mass to pray to my Lord for just an hour a day, but that completely lifts my spirit, and I can feel a joy like no other. Getting to go to St. Thomas Seminary was such a spiritual joy for me, and a great lesson for how God can speak to you and you speak to Him. I may not know my vocation yet, but my heart is joyous knowing that my path with God is continuously moving up the hill of life. I know I am still far from the top but when I get there and God can reveal to me my one true vocation in life, I will know that the climb was worth every step of the way.*



*District 7 Serrans, St. Junipero Serra Feast Day Celebration at St. John Vianney Seminary Chapel*

## CELEBRATING SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA

by MaryAnne Frank

A welcome invitation from Father Jon Kelly to celebrate together the feast of St. Junipero Serra for District 7 Serrans within the Holy Chapel at St. John Vianney (SJV) Seminary was received with much enthusiasm. We were greeted with the aroma of coffee as we brought our offerings of deviled eggs, yogurt, coffee cakes, fresh fruits and the makings of yogurt parfaits.

As we entered the Seminary door we walked into sacred space; with a mix of holy and hilarity ~ the puppy in a St. Paul Icon providing the perfect juxtaposition! Beauty and joy combine to set the ambience with a space for seminarians to grow and experience God's goodness and for us, as guests, to celebrate our patron. Once again, seeing the Beuronese Art was of

particular interest to North-Minneapolis Serrans and a marvelous follow up after meeting the artist, Nicholas Markell who spoke at our February Serra members meeting.

Father Kelly celebrated the Liturgy of the Mass on the Feast day of Saints Peter and Paul, (Saturday, June 29). Father Evan Koop concelebrated and Deacon Stephen Koop assisted on the Altar while our District Governor, Debbie Koop served as reader. Sharing the missionary zeal of St. Serra with the two apostles, certainly gave us a meditation on the universality of our Church. Father gave us a special blessing with the relic of St. Junipero Serra at the end of Mass.

During brunch, Father Kelly shared a few insights, commenting on the scope of the SJV college program. Because of the intensity of seminary studies, participation in sports is limited to intermural activities. While seminarians join St. Thomas students in the classroom and may attend some sports events, their day is focused on spiritual formation. A version of the propaedeutic year required by St. Paul Seminary (SPS) is now integrated within the four years at SJV.

As he completes his third year as Rector, Father Kelly shared a few interesting insights during brunch. With the new construction completed, SJV now has room for 115 seminarians and will be accepting about 42 new seminarians this fall ~ 13 for our archdiocese. Also, good news: 13 of the 20 SJV graduates of this year, plan to attend SPS in the fall. Father spoke of the "last chance" nine o'clock Mass which is held in the beautiful chapel, and often attended by students at the University of St. Thomas ~ a real plus for sharing the campus.

Encouraging attendance at an Ordination, can be one of the best ways to inspire priestly and religious vocations according to Father Kelley, noting that the beauty of the Liturgy and the large presence of priests, deacons, and religious can motivate someone who may be hearing God's call.



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## PRAYERS FOR BISHOP-ELECT KEVIN KENNEY

by Judy Makowske

This Spring as I was preparing the April and May Issues of our North-Minneapolis Serran Newsletter and, noting the priest's anniversaries, I came across a beautiful article and photo of now "Bishop-Elect" Kevin Kenney in the St. Olaf Church Magazine as he was celebrating his 30th Anniversary. At the time, I requested permission to reprint and never heard back. I was drawn to his tender regard for prayer to inspire and sustain vocations. Excerpts of his article follow.

*"I remember almost forty years ago when I was on my "Spring Retreat" and stood before God and asked, "Lord, what do you want me to do with my life?"*

*I needed to trust and believe. I said, I'll do anything except work 24 hours a day/seven days a week, and I do not want to be a priest!' I will be ordained thirty years at the end of May. I said, "I'll give it a try." I knew many people were praying for me even before that day and, after that time away, even more began to pray. Prayer lifts us up and even if we do not recognize that people are praying for us, we wonder at times where the spirit is coming from.*

*God continues to call young people to consider a vocation and we need to pray for their hearts and ears to be opened to listen. We will be blessed in May to welcome thirteen young men into the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. We pray that their transition and love for Jesus will inspire them to serve those where they will be sent with hearts on fire for the love of Jesus and humankind.*

*"....let us continue to pray for one another and pray that vocations in the Church continue to increase for the priesthood, religious life of brothers and sisters, the diaconate, marriage, and a blessed single life.*

He ended his article with our Archdiocesan Prayer for Vocations.

How beautiful to know that our new auxiliary-bishop has a heart for church vocations. We thank God for Bishop-Elect Kenney and pray God's blessing upon him!



Fr. Kevin Kenney, Ordination, May 28, 1994, ordained by Archbishop John Roach.



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## IN REMEMBRANCE!



Dorothy (Dottie) Roman

A Serran since 2001, and a nurse 'capped' in 1954, Dottie was the quintessence of care. As a wife, mother of three, and nurse, Dottie gave her all. She was a member of St. Charles Borromeo and served the parish in a number of capacities: she was active in the Rosary Honor Guard, serving funeral brunches, and fully supported the quarterly blood drives ~ even when she was physically unable to assist, Dottie became the 'welcomer' drawing strangers together, finding commonalities that bonded and created a community of care.

As a Serran, Dottie was a passionate prayer warrior offering a weekly hour of Adoration and maintaining the Serra Book of Memorials for many years. In her last years when Dottie was unable to drive, her daughter or friends ensured her presence at our meetings by providing rides. We pray that Dottie's welcome to her Eternal Home will reflect her love that she so freely gave over her 97 years of life! Rest in peace Dottie!

## LETTER FROM ALASKA



*Hello from Alaska!*

*I picked up one of your "A Collection of Favorite Prayers Dedicated to Fostering & Supporting Vocations" brochures at a church in northern Minnesota on a recent trip there. I would like to obtain 200 copies from you to share with people in Alaska. A donation is enclosed.*

*Thank you for your kind help and God bless you in your ministry!*

*Gratefully,*

**Penny Wells,**

*Big Lake, Alaska*

*and*

... from **Joann Eichten** in Owatonna, MN –

A phone call to tell us that they have used our online copy of the Spanish version of "A Collection of Favorite Prayers" to print their own copies for the Rochester-Winona Diocese.



## PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers:

Jean Buchmann  
Louis Cellette  
Tom Fahrenholz  
Dorothy Pearson  
Esther Guzik  
Jack Quesnell  
Tim Regan  
Joe Spano  
Chris Struble\*  
Norma Swanson  
Marlene Tacheny  
Lorraine Weinmeyer  
Marilyn Zappia

*\*Son-in-Law of MaryAnne & Steve*

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

- Fr. Mark Pavlak  
New Vocations Director
- Fr. Brian Fischer and the  
Archdiocesan Hermitage
- Deacon Alex Hall -  
"Walk With Me Seminarian"
- Sisters in Jesus the Lord in  
Russia

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

- Bishop-Elect Kevin Kenney
- for the cascading success of  
the National Eucharistic  
Revival
- the youth in our parishes  
attending retreats and camps  
to grow in love and  
knowledge of Jesus
- and, for all those we hold in  
our hearts.



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## CALL TO HOLINESS



Our call to holiness is renewed daily at the celebration of the Mass and reception of the Holy Eucharist. After 85 years, the Eucharistic Congress celebrated this summer in Indianapolis (the culmination of three years marking Eucharistic revival) is a powerful reminder of a love so great ~ the gift of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Citing the 2020 PEW Research Study, which polled Catholics on their belief of the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, almost 70 % polled said "NO!"

Fr. John Perricone, PhD. in an article published in *Crisis Magazine* provides an apt analysis explaining why Catholics have lost their sense of reverence for the Eucharist: Rooted in the era of the sixties, the Mass was called "a meal" and Holy Eucharist was referred to as a "bread of fellowship," theologically "traditional requirements for the reception of Holy Communion" which changed a sense of the sacred to that of a diminished or lesser understanding of the Eucharist.

To return to a correct recognition and understanding of the Eucharist, Father proposes: 1). Tabernacles be returned to the center of every church. 2). Abolish Communion in the hand. 3). Eliminate Extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist and administer the Host on the tongue and 4). Reception of Holy Communion should always be kneeling.

As an extraordinary minister of Communion, I took umbrage of point number 3 until I read Father's explanation. I invite you to read his article and to understand as I have how through a gradual process, many have lost an appreciation of the incredible gift given to us in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Sacred can never be seen as something common as we pursue holiness!

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Mary Krawczynski

I was born and raised in NE Minneapolis, one block from where my dad grew up. I attended St. Cyril's and Holy Cross/NE Regional Catholic for elementary schools and then went to Edison High School and the University of Minnesota. I moved from NE Minneapolis all the way to Columbia Heights in 1995 and I am still there. I have three older siblings, all of whom live within 2 miles of me. My mother recently turned 90 and lives at Hayden Grove in St. Anthony. My dad passed away in 2015.



Virginia and Mary

I attended the Church of the Holy Cross for the first 50 years of my life, but switched to Immaculate Conception about 6 years ago.

I worked in the IT profession for most of my career and retired in March 2022. I felt that God was telling me to get out of the rat race, spend time with my mom, give back to the community, and have less stress in my life. These have been the most joy-filled years of my life and I owe everything to God. I love starting my day with mass and being able to give back through volunteering. I give thanks for the many blessings that God has bestowed on me and try to use the gifts he gave me to serve Him and others. I hope that those gifts can benefit the Serra Club in some positive ways!

## WITH LOVE AND PRAYERS!



Judy Makowske and Bonnie Conroy pose with Fr. David Blume for an end of June goodbye to our beloved Archdiocesan Vocation Director, after morning Mass at St. Charles, captured by MaryAnne Frank.

## NOTABLE NEWS



# REGISTER NOW

## SERRA CONFERENCE & RETREAT

**The Regional Conference** on Friday, November 22 from 9:30 a.m.– 4:30p.m. is an amazing gathering of Serrans in Buffalo, MN at King's House Retreat Center, from the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Representatives from nearly 20 Serra Clubs bring the best offerings of vocation projects, programs, and prayers to share. Reservations can be made by calling Charlene Zachman at 763-497-3305 or email [charzach2015@gmail.com](mailto:charzach2015@gmail.com).

**The Annual Serra Retreat** follows the Conference on Friday, Nov 22 at 8 p.m. until Sunday, Nov 24 at 12:45 p.m. To reserve your place [register online here](#). Please indicate the name of our Serra Club of North-Minneapolis when you make your reservation. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required. In addition to the opportunity to grow in holiness as a Serran, and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King at a namesake church, it's a great way to prepare our souls for Advent.

Retreat registration forms will be available at Membership Meetings at St. Williams.

### MAILBAG

*Thank you so much for your generous gift of Gas Cards! These are so helpful, especially this summer as I am traveling to many homes and families at my parish assignment at St. Stephen / Holy Rosary in South Minneapolis. Know of my prayers and gratitude for your support and prayers.*  
In Christ, through Mary, **Deacon Randy Skeate**, Theology III

*Thank you so much for the gas cards. It's a very helpful gift at the beginning of my summer assignment at St. Stephen's in Anoka. God bless you all!*  
In Christ, **Deacon Alex Hall**, Theology III

*Thank you for the gas cards. They are much appreciated. Thank you for your prayerful support also.*  
In Christ, **Deacon Zac Ochsenbauer**, Theology III

*Thank you so much for your generous gift, your ongoing support for seminarians, and most of all your prayers. I am confident that it is because of the prayers of faithful Catholics like you that I am in the seminary today – and God willing, a priest in a few years time. Please know of my prayers for you and your families, especially in this month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. May you be kept in His merciful love always!*  
Yours in Christ, **Dominic Wolters**, Theology II

**SUBMIT NEWSLETTER CONTENT HERE:** [SerraClub418@gmail.com](mailto:SerraClub418@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE:** Submission of all articles and event photos are due on or before the **25th** of the month.  
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### Serra MEETS

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with vocations in mind

### INSPIRING CATHOLIC LEADERS

#### Featured Speaker:



#### Kurt Metyko

Serra International President  
The "State of Serra International"  
Live from New Orleans Convention

#### Date:

Sat., Aug. 10, 11:00 am CST

#### Webinar Link:

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## MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

## AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 <b>POPE FRANCIS</b>	2 <b>YOUR PASTOR</b>	3 <b>REV. BRENT BOWMAN ORD 2024</b>
4 <b>REV. PHILIP CONKLIN ORD 2024</b>	5 <b>REV. FRANCIS (FRANKIE) FLOEDER ORD 2024</b>	6 <b>REV. DEREK GILDE ORD 2024</b>	7 <b>REV. HJALMAR GUDJONSSON ORD 2024</b>	8 <b>REV. MICHAEL MALONEY ORD 2024</b>	9 <b>REV. SEAN MULCARE ORD 2024</b>	10 <b>REV. MICHAEL PANKA ORD 2024</b>
11 <b>REV. ALEXANDER RASSET ORD 2024</b>	12 <b>REV. RYAN SUSTACEK ORD 2024</b>	13 <b>REV. NICHOLAS VANCE ORD 2024</b>	14 <b>REV. JOSEPH WAPPES ORD 2024</b>	15 <b>REV. CHRISTOPHER YANTA ORD 2024</b>	16 <b>REV. JAMES (JIM) BARRY ORD 1961</b>	17 <b>REV. KEVIN ISIDORE CLINTON ORD 1974</b>
18 <b>REV. TIMOTHY D CLOUTIER ORD 1983</b>	19 <b>REV. CHRISTOPHER STEPHEN (CHRIS) COLLINS SJ ORD 2006</b>	20 <b>REV. STEFANO COLOMBO F.S.C.B. ORD 1999</b>	21 <b>REV. FRANCISCO PEREZ (PACO) COLUNGA C.Ss.R. ORD. 1978</b>	22 <b>REV. TIMOTHY MARY COMBS OP ORD 2014</b>	23 <b>REV. JOSEPH MATTHEW CONNELLY ORD 2019</b>	24 <b>REV. JOSE MARIA DE SOUSA ALVIM CALADO CORTES F.S.C.B. ORD 1995</b>
25 <b>REV. MATTHEW CURTIS CRANE ORD</b>	26 <b>REV. MICHAEL SHAUGHN CREAGAN ORD 1997</b>	27 <b>REV. RINALDO BENEDICTO CUSTODIO ORD 1962</b>	28 <b>REV. CYPRIAN CZOP OMI ORD 2001</b>	29 <b>REV. MICHAEL PETER DALY ORD 2016</b>	30 <b>REV. DOUGLAS EDWARD DANDURAND ORD 1982</b>	31 <b>ABP. BERNARD HEBDA AUXBP. JOSEPH WILLIAMS AUXBP. MICHAEL IZEN</b>

WILL **YOU** PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Lord Jesus, Chief Shepherd of the Flock, we pray that in the great love and mercy of Your Sacred Heart You attend to all the needs of Your priest-shepherds throughout the world. We ask that You draw back to Your Heart all those priests who have seriously strayed from Your path, that You rekindle the desire for holiness in the hearts of those priests who have become lukewarm, and that you continue to give Your fervent priests the desire for the highest holiness. United with Your Heart and Mary's Heart, we ask that You take this petition to Your heavenly Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Imprimatur: (Most Rev. Carl K. Moeddel, Vicar General and Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati)*

To be added to the email recipients, send an email to Marie Ziesmer at:

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## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

- mass, rosary, fasting
- day of offering
- Eucharistic Adoration
- offering of sufferings or prayer
- what the Lord inspires you to offer Him

## FOR VOCATIONS

Father, we trust You to call others to the priesthood to continue Your work in our Archdiocese.

## SERRA CLUB OF NORTH-MINNEAPOLIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

7/16/24

**Board Members Present:** Ken Cobian, Judie Collodora, MaryAnne Frank, Rosemary Franzese, Jo Lohnes, Dave Loomis, Judy Makowske, Ted McCrossan, Tim Regan, Mary Szydluk. **Additional Serrans Present:** Bonnie Conroy, Foundation Rep. **Present by Phone:** Norma Swanson, Marilyn Zappia.

**Meeting Opened** with prayer led by President T. Regan at 8:55 am. The minutes from the previous meeting on 6/18/24 were approved.

**VOCATIONS: MA Frank, M. Szydluk:** Crucifixes in the Traveling Crucifix Program were retrieved, renewed, and returned to parishes. **MA Frank** received a note of appreciation from Alaska by someone who found a copy of Serra Favorite Prayers she and her husband had intentionally left in a northern MN church while on vacation to inspire anyone who came across it. The note contained a request for additional brochures along with a donation and well wishes for our apostolate. Others present recounted their habit of putting the brochure where it might be found by someone to treasure it and learn of Serra Club. **MA Frank** reminded us of our Memorial Book and the monthly sending of \$50 to Hope for Uganda for masses from the proceeds, followed by a discussion. The Seven Serrans for Vocation Directors in New Ulm and Helena Diocese were updated. Ground level, easily accessible storage space for Serra has been identified in St. Charles Parish Center. **M. Szydluk** mentioned the need to clarify the giving of spiritual bouquets for upcoming Priesthood Sunday this fall, as differentiated from mass offerings.

**VOCATION BUS TRIPS: J. McGuire and M. Eastham:** By email update: Both Epiphany and St. Stephens Schools have confirmed participation for this fall. Communication is continuing with SPS, SJV, Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, and other possibilities for site visits to coordinate two visits this fall. If confirmed, St. Charles and St. Raphael Schools will be contacted for participation, depending on class sizes. With St. Alphonsus School closed and St. Vincent de Paul School not ready to participate, the vocation bus trips cover all the Catholic grade schools in the club area.

**MEMBERSHIP: M. Collins and J. Collodora: J. Collodora** presented cost information on the ECatholic World website which is used by Immaculate Conception Church. St. Paul Serra President, **Jeff Brinkman** believes the most cost-effective way to reach prospective Serrans is via personal contact by handing out brochures and business cards printed in both English and Spanish following a presentation in church. **J. Collodora** has unsuccessfully reached out to Holy Cross but is awaiting return calls from two other contacts. The names of other parishes on which to focus were suggested. She is looking at accessibility of our noon meetings for people who work. Is there a better day/time? Could our meetings be zoomed over the web? She has learned of satellite clubs functioning in TX with bilingual leaders and an abundance of Spanish speaking people. Discussion ensued about when/where for New Member Orientation. **Mary Krawczynski** was welcomed as our newest member with a unanimous vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS: J. Makowske and N. Swanson: J. Makowske** passed out brochures for the District 7 Conference and Retreat in Buffalo on Nov 22-24, with **Presenter Deacon Joseph Michalak**, and encouraged early reservations. Next, we discussed our biggest fundraiser of the year which supports Serra programs throughout the year - the Phantom Garage Sale. None better to give us some tips than M. Zappia via phone, with her enthusiasm, belief in Serra, ease of asking for a cause she believes in, and willingness to tutor. J. Makowske passed out Serra note cards on which to write thank you notes.

**PROGRAMS: J. Lohnes:** Request to please contribute suggestions for topics of interest to Serrans. They will be much appreciated! A Scott Hahn you tube video will be presented at the next membership lunch meeting on July 23. Speakers have been booked for the next two membership lunch meetings. Discussion followed about possible dates to request a visit from the Archbishop in 2025.

**TREASURER: T. McCrossan:** Reported funds are adequate to cover expenses to date. Accounted for checks being processed. D. Loomis verified 990M corporate filing for '24 with its complexity. Discussed need for more detail regarding dues.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Serra Monthly Activities Calendar Guideline Document: K. Cobian** introduced the new valuable tool which he had envisioned years ago and gave credit to **M. Zappia** for a tremendous effort in its creation. Email comments/corrections/suggestions to **M. Zappia**. The document is meant to be a living document, supplements our annual Serran calendar as a working calendar, detailing WHAT needs to be done and WHEN in order to ensure a successful completion of an activity which may require up front planning and work. The HOW is not addressed. It is the responsibility of committee chairs. Each officer is asked to submit a guideline on how they carry out their own activities. Examples are present in the email that was sent out.

**Little Sisters of the Poor Vocations Project:** Debbie Koop directed the request be submitted to the Foundation.

**Need for a Vice President/President Elect:** Current President needs a backup.

**Next Membership Lunch Meetings:** July 23 - 12:15 am at St. William's Church

Speaker: Scott Hahn you tube video

Aug 13 - **Membership Meeting** 12:15 am St. William's Church Speaker: TBD

Aug 20 - **Next Board Meeting** 8:45 am at St. Charles Borromeo Church (Doran Hall)

Aug 27 - **Membership Meeting** 12:15 am at St. William's Church

New Member Orientation

**Meeting Adjourned** with prayer led by **President T. Regan** at 10:50 am.

